

## What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national community-based movement that was established in July 2002 in response to the President's call for Americans to offer volunteer services in their communities. The Corps is designed to recruit, train, and mobilize willing members of the community who have the skills, knowledge, and desire to help others in need during a disaster.

The McLean County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps is a collaborative venture of the McLean County Health Department and the McLean County Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA).

## Its Mission...

To strengthen and support emergency response efforts in McLean County

**Become a partner in  
emergency response**

**Join the McLean County  
Health Department  
Medical Reserve Corps**

[www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)

[www.mcleancountyil.gov/health](http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/health)

## How do I join the Medical Reserve Corps?

Obtain an application:

- ★ Call the McLean County Health Department at 309-888-5214 and request a Medical Reserve Corps application.

OR

- ★ Visit [www.mcleancountyil.gov](http://www.mcleancountyil.gov) to print the application and mail it.

OR

- ★ Stop by the McLean County Health Department, 3rd floor, to pick up an application.

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## A local disaster requires a community response



**The McLean County Health Department  
Medical Reserve Corps**

**Volunteer your medical  
expertise and health skills.**





Everyone can do something... through the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) you have an opportunity to partner with first responders in the protection of McLean County citizens during public health emergencies and disasters such as influenza epidemics, acts of terrorism, or tornados.

### What is the purpose of the Medical Reserve Corps?

- ★ To strengthen communities by establishing and maintaining a community-based volunteer system.
- ★ To utilize the expertise of various healthcare and support personnel who can assist the existing public health infrastructure during a health emergency or disaster.
- ★ To provide a reserve capacity at the community level to respond to local health needs and priorities.
- ★ To supplement emergency services when a disaster of high magnitude occurs.



### Who can volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps?

- ★ Practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical and/or public health professionals, such as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, EMTs, dentists, veterinarians, nurse and physician assistants, and others.
- ★ Community members without medical training such as interpreters, clergy, office support staff, legal advisors, radio operators, counselors, and others who are eager and willing to help.

**You may already know how to perform the health and support functions we need to assist during an emergency.**

### What do Medical Reserve Corps volunteers do?

During emergencies and disasters, volunteers may be called to assist in the following ways:

- ★ Provide education and assist with community outreach efforts.
- ★ Assist during unusual disease outbreaks or suspected bioterrorism incidents that may require county-wide immunization or preventative medication distribution.
- ★ Perform duties that match their background, skills and expertise.

To fully understand disaster preparedness and response, the McLean County Health Department and the McLean County Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) require volunteers to do the following:

- ★ Attend regular trainings and exercises to learn more about our local response plans and partners.
  - ★ Convey confidence and maintain the community's trust during stressful times.
  - ★ Demonstrate a willingness to respond to emergencies in McLean County at any time and with short notice.
  - ★ Work, whenever necessary, as part of a specialized team.
  - ★ Adhere to the oath of the McLean County ESDA which allows the volunteer to receive some benefits in certain circumstances under the Workers' Compensation Act and the Workers' Occupational Disease Act.
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